



Yemeni Jambiya In Solid Silver - Traditional Dagger



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Period : 19th century Condition : Bon état Material : Sterling silver

Description

Yemeni Jambiya in Solid Silver - Traditional Honor Dagger Magnificent Yemeni Jambiya, a traditional dagger emblematic of Yemeni culture, made entirely of solid silver. This exceptional piece is distinguished by its entirely silver composition, both for the scabbard and for the guard and the handle, a feature reserved for dignitaries or high-ranking personalities. Description: The Jambiya features a forged steel blade, double-edged, with a marked central rib, testifying to the know-how of Yemeni blacksmiths. The blade is in excellent condition, with a beautiful surface patina, proof of its authenticity and antiquity. The handle, trapezoidal in shape, is richly decorated with chiseled motifs and silver filigree, with granulation work characteristic of Yemeni

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goldsmithing. The floral and geometric motifs are finely executed, offering a remarkable aesthetic. The scabbard, in the characteristic "J" shape, is also made of solid silver, decorated with intricate geometric patterns finely engraved. The two silver side rings, firmly attached, allowed the Jambiya to be worn on the belt over the shoulder, following the Yemeni male tradition. A small dent is visible in the lower part of the curve of the scabbard, a trace of use which testifies to the history of this piece. This dent, although visible, does not alter in any way the general aesthetics or the solidity of the Jambiya. The whole presents a beautiful patina of use, underlining its authenticity and antiquity. Historical Context: The Jambiya is a strong symbol of Yemeni culture. Traditionally worn by men from adolescence, it represents honor, virility and social status. Wearing a jambiya is a deeply rooted cultural marker in Yemen, and it is not uncommon for Yemeni men to refuse to part with it, even during airport security checks, sometimes creating awkward situations. The most prestigious jambiyas, like this one, are made entirely of silver, reserved for notables or members of the local aristocracy. The use of solid silver for the entire piece is a testament to its owner's wealth and high status. Characteristics: Origin: Yemen Period: Late 19th century Material: Solid silver for the handle, scabbard and ornaments, steel blade Decoration: Chiseled floral and geometric motifs, filigree and granulation Dimensions: Total height: 34 cm Gross weight: 1.025 kg (solid silver and steel blade) Condition: Good condition with a beautiful patina of use, small dent visible on the lower part of the silver scabbard, not altering the general aesthetics. Special features: Composition entirely in solid silver, probably a dignitary's piece. This Jambiya is an exceptional collector's item, not only for the quality of its solid silver and its finely chiseled decorations, but also for its substantial weight of 1.025 kg, which distinguishes it as a prestigious weapon reserved for a high-ranking personality.

A true work of traditional Yemeni art.

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